



UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL VEHICLE SAFETY SECTION

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NEWSLETTER

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AMENDED FUEL SYSTEM CRITERIA

We have amended the fuel system sections to both the Passenger Vehicle/Light Truck and Tractor/Trailer/Bus manuals. The amendment removes the EPA and CARB certification requirements. All remaining items listed within the criteria shall be used to determine a pass or fail status on the fuel system for all applicable vehicles. **No vehicle shall be rejected for not having an EPA or CARB certification on an alternative fuel conversion.**
Until further notice: DO NOT REJECT A VEHICLE BASED SOLELY ON NOT HAVING AN EPA OR CARB CERTIFICATION.

2009-2010 SAFETY INSPECTION MANUALS

The 2009-2010 Safety Inspection Manuals are posted on our Safety Inspection website at www.safetyinspections.utah.gov. These manuals contain the amendments that were mentioned in the above listed paragraph. We are also now selling the hardcopies out of our office for \$10.00 per manual. There have been a number of stations that have already paid for a manual, which be mailed out this next week. The new manuals are now coming with three-ring binder holes punched in them so that pages can be substituted with amendments throughout the next two years.

ONLINE STATION REMINDERS

Please make sure that you contact our Safety Inspection Office immediately after an employee starts or leaves your employment. We are still seeing a number of stations that are not updating us with this information and are being charged for inspections conducted by a past employee who is now working for a different station. It is very important to keep us updated with any change in inspectors to avoid billing problems later. If you would like to know what inspectors we have assigned to your station, please contact our office at (801)965-4889.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that our Safety Inspection Personnel perform undercover vehicle operations on random stations and tint shops located around the state? We randomly select areas and businesses around the state and send undercover officers and vehicles in to ensure that quality inspections are being conducted and that our inspection procedures are being followed. When the inspector follows the proper procedure, each violation on our undercover vehicle will be present in plain view. We are not intending to trick any station but to maintain a high quality on all inspections. These undercover vehicle operations are how many of our safety inspection cases are being generated. We also generate a large amount of our cases through traffic enforcement, by aggressively looking for those vehicles that are in violation of our state's equipment laws. Most of these traffic stops lead us to a safety inspection station/inspector that conducted an improper inspection. **Please be advised that our Safety Inspection Troopers have and will be conducting undercover operations in every county of the state.**

PASSENGER VEHICLE INSPECTIONS UNDER 26,000 GVWR

There have been a few situations where we have had a vehicle that weighed under 26,000 lbs GVWR, was equipped with an air brake system and was presented to a Passenger Vehicle / Light Truck station for an inspection. In this situation, the vehicle that is presented for a safety inspection must be inspected under the brake section criteria listed within the Tractor/Trailer/Bus Inspection Manual.

INSPECTOR RECERTIFICATION EXCEPTION

We have made an exception to the inspector recertification process, which states that an inspector whose certification has expired for more than (1) year is required to re-take the 16 hour certification course, except if the following applies. Those inspectors that were 'ASE' (Automotive Service Excellence) certified prior to their inspector certification expiration date and they have continued to maintain the 'ASE' certification, can recertify utilizing the "CD" or on-line recertification process, so long as their Safety Inspection certification has not been expired for more than 5 years and that they can provide the documentation supporting their 'ASE' certification history.

ON-LINE INSPECTION UPDATE

There have been a few changes made to the on-line program. One of those changes is intended to inform an inspector, who is only assigned to one station, which station their inspector account is under. This change produces a 'Confirm Station' screen after logging in, which also gives an inspector number to confirm. If you are seeing this screen, please disregard the inspector number information and only confirm the station information. The inspector number is incorrect and appears to be some of the coding information located within the system. If during this screen, you notice that the station information that is being displayed is incorrect, please contact our office immediately at (801)965-4889, so that we can update your inspector account. What we are still learning through this process is that not all inspectors and stations are informing us of when an inspector leaves or enters their employment.

In the past updates, there were some problems seen on the printed certificates in the brake measurement area. This issue has now been corrected and will display the specific wheel that was pulled, along with the measurement that was entered. We are still working on a number of updates which will help make the inspection process a lot quicker and easier to navigate through.

2008 ON-LINE PROGRAM STATISTICS

Model Year	Inspections Performed	Inspections Rejected	Percent Rejected
2008	33,333	769	2.31%
2007	25,875	493	1.91%
2006	136,875	7,909	5.78%
2005	26,870	1,180	4.39%
2004	132,901	10,574	7.96%
2003	21,045	1,441	6.85%
2002	131,759	13,736	10.43%
2001	25,601	2,337	9.13%
2000	133,446	17,183	12.88%
1999 and older	899,742	126,301	14.04%
Overall	1,567,806	181,927	11.60%